

OUR VISION

Maintain Edisto Beach as a family sanctuary

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Enhance and maintain Edisto's reputation as a family-oriented vacation destination

Town Council Actions 2023-2024



- Crawford Moore re-elected as Mayor and Jerome Kizer and Joey Bagwell re-elected as Town Council Members
- Worked to accomplish tasks with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project
- Worked with the architect on designs and tasks for the new Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall complex, funded by the Colleton County Penny Tax
- Promoted Lt. Casey Herring to Assistant Chief of Police and hired two (2) new police officers
- Hired Ken Sallenger as the new Assistant Fire Chief, and Jon Kizer as Engineer
- Received “clean audit” from auditors Brittingham Group, LLP for year ended June 30, 2023. No issues, deficiencies, and no instances of non-compliance were noted
- Approved Town Council goals for 2024-2025 following the Goal-Setting Session in January
- Jungle Road Park Bathroom Project construction began in Fall 2023 and will open once the sewer moratorium has lifted
- Resurfaced and restriped the Tennis & Pickleball Court
- Approved bid for the Bay Creek Park Dock Repairs with the project funded by SCDNR Water Recreational Resources Fund in the amount of \$253,799
- Construction completed on Pump Station B, and work will begin on Pump Station A in mid-July
- Conducted annual deer study
- Completed the resurfacing of Jenkins Street
- Grant application submitted through the Land and Water Conservation Fund for Jungle Shores Bike Path repaving project
- Purchased Kubota Tractor and Sand Sweeper
- Contracted and worked with Davis & Floyd on the Interior Lagoon Study

- Completed the Arc/Billow drainage improvement project
- Purchased four (4) new beach mats
- Approved AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Membership Agreement for Town residents
- Approved beach sandscraping with West Bank Construction for beach sand scraping along portions of the front beach to build a protective dune
- Approved the Town's Letter of Intent for the SCDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) Proposal for the Lybrand Street, Docksite Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street and Lee Street Bike Paths; also applied for funds with the Colleton County Transportation Committee to be used as matching funds for the SCDOT TAP Grant
- Approved the newly-formed Keep Edisto Beautiful Board of Directors
- Approved twenty-six (26) special event applications
- Secured \$500,000 in legislative earmarks for Automated Meter Readers
- Awarded Starfish Awards to twenty (20) individuals
- Adopted Ordinances, Resolutions, and Proclamations in 2023-2024 including:
 - Ordinance 2023-11 to Amend Section 82-127 of the Town's Code of Ordinances which shifted the burden of determining a septic system failure from the Town to a SCDHEC certified inspector
 - Ordinance 2024-01 to Amend Section 58-161, Article VI, in order to permit outdoor entertainment between the first day of March and the thirty-first day of October of each year
 - Ordinance 2024-02, Business License Class Schedule Update
 - Resolution 2024-R03, Adoption of 2024-2025 Town Council Goals
 - Resolution 2024-R05, Safety Policy Resolution for Town Work Areas
 - Resolution 2024-P06, May 2024 as Building Safety Month
 - Resolution 2024-07, Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 5-11, 2024
 - Resolution 2024-R08, Municipal Clerk's Week
 - Ordinance 2024-09, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget
 - Proclamation 2024-P10, June 2024 as Golf Cart Safety and Education Month
- Approved Accommodations Tax Advisory (ATAX) Recommendations as follows:
 - \$18,000 to the South Carolina Lowcountry Tourism Commission
 - \$31,587.92 to the Edisto Beach Fire Department
 - \$10,000 to the Ocean Ridge Master Property Owners Association
 - \$3,960 to the Edisto Art Guild Plein Air Paint Out
 - \$3,200 to the Edisto Art Guild, Summer Series 2024 Arts in the Park
 - \$15,000 for the 2024 Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival
 - \$6,800 for the Town's July 4th Family Fun and Fireworks Show



Council Presentations

Council Recognized Those Who Contribute Their Time and Expertise To Make Edisto Beach Better

- Recognized the following for committee service: Stephanie Renner, Planning Commission; Matthew Kizer, Beachfront Management Committee; Robert Pratt, ATAX; Marie Bost, Zoning Board of Appeals; Janet Oakley, Planning Commission
- Recognized the following for exceptional service: Cameron Andrews, Rich Baretto, Patrick Brown, Thad Daise, Kate Hall, Dan Hutto, Cindy Lenz, Ken Sallenger, Joe Stalvey, Bess Watson, Doug White, Lisa White; Michael Lesan, Jeb Smoak
- Recognized the following with Service Awards: Mark Aakhus and Casey Herring (5 years); Patrick Zemp and Daniel Seyle (10 years)

MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

2023-2024

Focus on Town Services, Infrastructure & Facilities, Strategic Plan and Development, Health/Safety/Welfare, Governance, Parks & Recreation

Town Services

- Scheduled and held informational meetings for the USACE Beach Renourishment Project in October and November 2023. The Town's attorney, the Town's easement attorney, the surveyor, and the appraiser all are engaged. The surveyor began work on December 11, 2023. Army Corps conducted site visits and regularly scheduled meetings are being held with Town Council and Administration to communicate updates.
- Following receipt of the cost estimate for the future Emergency Operations Center/Town Hall, a design presentation was presented to Council. Bid openings for the project manager were held and finalized.
- Signed the grant for the Trailhead and Bathroom Project at Jungle Road. Following a pre-construction meeting with Jungle Road Park Bathroom contractors, the Town contracted with Cinderella Partners.
- The contract for Pump Station A to Babcock Corporation was approved by Town Council and the Rural Infrastructure Authority, and bid specifications were prepared.
- Following the collection of data for the Lagoon Study grant, Davis & Floyd began monitoring the water flow. Presentation made to Council and the public at the January 2024 Council meeting.

- Coordinated efforts throughout the fiscal year to complete the Arc/Billow Street drainage project.
- Submitted and received an RIA grant in the amount of \$1 million for automated meter readers to supplement the \$500,000 earmarked by the General Assembly for the project.
- Submitted request for DNR funds for repair and maintenance of the Bay Creek Park Pier. Began coordinated efforts to repair the pier.
- Submitted the SC DOT TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) Grant for Lybrand Street, Docksite Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street, and the Lee Street Bike Paths.
- Grant applications currently being reviewed by the National Park Service for SC Land & Water Conservation Fund for the repair and resurfacing of Jungle Shores Road Bike Path
- As part of the budget process, finalized the digital budget book and published on our website. Residents and other interested parties are able to view the digital budget book at any time.
- Worked with all Town Committees to provide information, schedule meetings, and follow-up on actions taken
- As part of Hurricane Preparedness Week, information from Colleton County Emergency Management Division and FEMA were featured in Monthly Highlights. Hurricane Preparedness Workshop was held in June for residents and other interested individuals. Town officials and staff will participate in the annual Hurricane Tabletop Exercise with Colleton County Emergency Management Officials.
- Fire Department received the SC FireSafe Community Award
- Received emergency sand scrapping permit from OCRM. Westbank Contractors completed sandscraping on 36 properties
- Water tower repainted and Verizon antennas installed.
- Continued with regular mosquito spraying
- SCDOT trimmed vegetation along Jungle Road to clear bike paths
- Jenkins Street repaved and potholes filled in
- Gravel laid for tennis/pickleball courts parking lot and striping completed
- Fire Department held fire safety and prevention training programs for our residents and as part of the Town's Community Risk Reduction program.
- Police Department hired and trained new officers.